Purchase and transport of Food grains.

10. **MR. K. A. MOHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste war statement of the employees of the new departments of Purchase and Transport of Food Grains and the Rationing of Food Grains ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The time and labour involved in the compilation of these statistics would be out of proportion to its utility.

Commandeering Boats.

11. **MR. K. A. MOHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the boats are commandeered whether they give any special marks to them to distinguish them from those that are not commandeered ;

(*b*) whether the public are informed of the same ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that merchants and businessmen are put to very great loss and delay when they load their goods in commandeered boats being not able to distinguish the commandeered boats from those not commandeered ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) Commandeered vallums are painted with distinguishing marks. The work of painting is in progress and has not been completed.

(*b*) The public could very well see the marks.

(*c*) No. Merchants and businessmen should not load cargo in commandeered boats without permission. Whether a vallum has been commandeered or not can be ascertained also from the lists kept in the Depot Offices and Canal Offices.

RULING RE : ABCENCE OF MEMBERS DURING POLL.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. Two points arose out of yesterday's proceedings. One was with reference to the polls. As there is a large number of new members, I might state that so long as voting on any demand is taking place, nobody should enter or leave the House. Before a poll is called for, there is no restriction on the ingress or egress of the members, but when a poll is being taken, they must either be in or out, and only those persons who are present will be counted.

The next point arises out of a question put by Mr. M. R. Ramakrishna Pillai with regard to the publication of one of his speeches. Does the honourable member wish to say anything on the matter ? We are now ready.

RULING RE : PRESS REPORTING.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : It is a matter of general interest and I want to raise the point as one affecting the Press as a whole.

PRESIDENT : Have you seen the latest issue of the paper which has published a correction ?

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